

# The Parable of the Ten Virgins

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"If you want to understand the many metaphors, illustrations and figures of speech used by Jesus about 'the wedding feast' and the church as the 'bride of Christ,' you must learn the ancient culture and forget everything you know about modern marriage ceremonies."

*The Three Stage Ritual of Bible Marriages by Steve Rudd*

What do "lamps" represent? \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 62:1).

Who do the "ten virgins" represent? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the "bridegroom"? \_\_\_\_\_

Whose home does the marriage take place in? \_\_\_\_\_

How many days does the marriage feast last? \_\_\_\_\_

How many days are in the Gospel Day? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened at the end of the marriage feast in Bible times? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the "oil" represent? \_\_\_\_\_

"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father."

(1 Corinthians 15:24)

What does "slumbered" and "slept" mean?

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What place in Pilgrim's Progress is this comparable to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was the midnight cry not describing the end of time? \_\_\_\_\_

What does crying represent? \_\_\_\_\_

(Read Jonah 1:2; 3:2; John 1:23; Matthew 3:1)

What did the midnight cry cause to happen? \_\_\_\_\_

What does "trimmed their lamps" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

*The midnight cry (preaching) is what divides (reveals) the ready from the unready.*

What could lamps without oil be compared to? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 23:27)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 17:4).

Why couldn't the wise virgins share their oil?  
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"And the door was shut." What other Bible story tells of a door being shut? \_\_\_\_\_

The bridegroom told the foolish virgins, "I know you not." What does Matthew 7:23 say? \_\_\_\_\_



What are the main points of this parable? \_\_\_\_\_

**For all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are these: "It might have been."**